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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

For:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

For the Examiner's information, Japanese Document No. 3-196455, which is listed on a Korean Official Letter (copy enclosed), is not included herewith as it was previously cited and enclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement of February 2, 1999.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior

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to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were first cited in the Korean Official Letter dated October 31, 2002, in a corresponding Korean patent application. A copy of the Official Letter that issued on that related application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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